

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

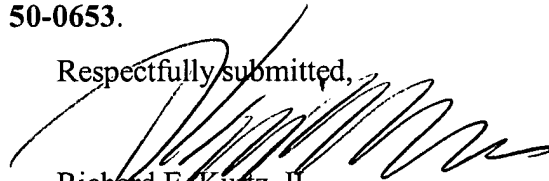
Claims 1-62 and 101-142 are pending in the application. Claims 63-100 were previously withdrawn in response to a restriction requirement. Pending claims 1-62 and 101-142 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C § 112 as containing too many claims. Applicants respectfully traverse, and note that the extra claims fees have been paid for examination of each pending claim.

However, in accordance with the agreement reached during the undersigned's brief discussion with the Examiner on January 10, 2006, and in order to expedite prosecution, Applicants herein cancel claims 1-62 without prejudice. Applicants specifically reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of those claims in a separate application, and do not waive any rights or raise any estoppel by this cancellation. Subsequent to the current amendment, claims 101-142 are pending, claims 101 and 142 being independent. Thus, the § 112 rejection has been overcome.

Having responded to all objections and rejections set forth in the outstanding Office Action, it is submitted that claims 101-142 are in condition for allowance and Notice to that effect is respectfully solicited. In the event that the Examiner is of the opinion that a brief telephone or personal interview will facilitate allowance of one or more of the above claims, he is courteously requested to contact applicant's undersigned representative.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment associated with this paper to deposit account no. **50-0653**.

Respectfully submitted,



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